

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**CUSTOMER NO. 22927**

Applicants: Packes et al.  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE  
accompanying a Request for Continued Examination**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed July 18, 2007, Applicant files a Request for Continued Examination for which Applicant requests that the Patent Office consider the following remarks.